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Adriana Dumitras

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPROVED CODING MODE SELECTION**

Examiner: Lee, Y Young

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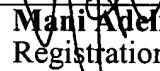
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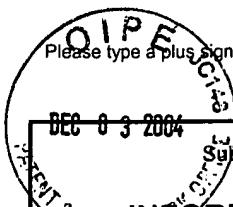
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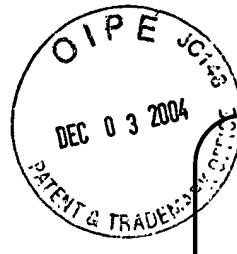
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